THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) Statistics on the number of hearing-speech impaired children in the country is not maintained in this Ministry. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) of this Department which has the primary objective of integration of mild to moderately disabled children in visually impaired,hearing impaired, mentally retarded and orthopaedically handicapped categories in regular school has been providing the requisite facilities to such children. Under the IEDC scheme, benefits of transport allowances, expenses on books, stationery and uniforms, readers allowance in case of blind children after Class V, escort allowance, cost of equipment, attendent for severely orthopaedically handicapped children, boarding and lodging charges for disabled children residing in school hostels are extended to disabled children. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment provides financial assistance to voluntary organisations for running educational/training centres for Hearing/Speech impaired under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities. This Department has been writing to all States/UTs to ensure integration of mild to moderately disabled children in normal schools.

Janashala Programme

2158. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched 'Janashala' programme in collaboration with United Nations for implementation of the 'Education for All' resolution;

(b) if so, the salient features of the 'Janashala' programme;

(c) the Blocks/Districts of Jharkhand covered, if any, under the programme;

(d) whether any review of implementation of the 'Janashala' has been carried out in Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objectives of the Janashala Programme are to enhance and sustain community participation in effective school management and the protection of child rights; to improve performance of teachers in the use of interactive, child centred and gender sensitive methods of teaching in multigrade classrooms; and to improve attendance and performance of difficult-to-reach groups of children, especially girls.

(c) Janashala covers seven and twelve blocks respectively of two districts, Deoghar and Giridih in Jharkhand.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Periodic reviews at the State and National levels are carried out besides three Annual Review Missions which were conducted in 2000, 2001 and 2002. The reviews have noted that strong community processes through-micro-planning have resulted in better functioning of schools and greater say of the community in school management; the introduction of multi-grade teaching methodology has improved teaching learning processes; and alternative learning centres opened in unserved habitations have helped bring large number of out of school children into schools.

Centrally sponsored schemes

†2159. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing Centrally sponsored schemes in the field of Human Resource Development in the country, number-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the details of the Central Assistance provided to Bihar for this purpose during the last three year, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.